GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA

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ESSENTIAL DRUGS
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of essential drugs has been reduced ;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor ;

(c) whether the Government have changed the drug policy recently ;

(d) if so, whether the change in drug policy has impact on prices of essential drugs in the country ;

(e) if so, the details thereof ;

(f) the details of the change in the price structure of the life saving drugs before and after this policy ; and

(g) the steps taken by the Government to make the life saving drugs cheaper and affordable to common man ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS (SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA)

(a) to (g) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.